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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1908.

COMMENTING, some weeks ago, upon the
Edict giving to H. E. CHANG CHIU TUNG
supreme control of the affairs of the Canton-
Hankow railway we suggested that, in view
of the difficulties experienced in obtaining
payment of calls on the share capital as they
fell due, the announcement seemed to
threaten that the Director would raise a
foreign loan if the Chinese shareholders
persisted in their neglect or refusal to
provide the funds they had undertaken to
supply. This is evidently the view which
has been taken of the announcement by the
shareholders generally in the province of
Kwangtung, for our Canton correspondent in
his communication published this in raising
reports that a sum amounting to upwards of
five million dollars has now been paid by
the recalcitrant shareholders in Kiangtung
on the second instalment of the
share capital. This call has been long over-
due. Time for payment has been extended
again and again without much result. The
intimation issued by CHANG CHIU TUNG
when he assumed supreme direction less
than a couple of months ago, clearly
indicated that the limit of patience in this

matter had been reached, and his thinly-veiled intention to have recourse to foreign capital, rather than suffer the work of construction to be delayed, has obviously stimulated effort on the part of Kwangtung shareholders to prevent a stultification of that great outburst of patriotic pride and tension which started the work on Chinese capital and under Chinese supervision and control. It would appear from a Peking telegram published in northern papers that steps have already been taken by the Viceroy of Canton with a view to raising a loan from British capitalists for this purpose, though in the face of the Edict giving to

The Kowloon Dock dance season commences on Saturday night, 19th inst. The launch for visitors leaves Blake Pier at 8 o'clock.

To-morrow being the name-day of His Majesty Emperor Nicholas II of Russia, the Consulate in Hongkong will be closed and Consul Mr. Tiedemann will hold a reception at their residence No. 5 Queen's Gardens from 4 to 7 p.m.

It is interesting to note that, although there are, at present, so many rival attractions, the Victoria Cinematograph continues to receive its full complement of visitors. The addition of a new artist and a frequent change of programme maintains the popularity already gained with the public.

Over 250 invitations have been issued for the Fancy Dress Ball which takes place at Kingsclere on January 1st. The dance programme will include eight waltzes, five two-steps, and three squares. The organisers, we are asked to mention, desire that gentlemen should bring the invitation cards with them.

To-day and to-morrow a large collection of oil paintings by celebrated French artists is on exhibition at the City Hall. An admission fee of 50 cents is charged, and the advertisement which appears in another column states that the proceeds will be divided between the Ladies' Benevolent Society and the Tung Wah Hospital.

The Legislative Council at its sitting yesterday heard arguments against the proposed alteration of the new Peak tramway route. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., professionally appearing before the Council on behalf of the Roman Catholic community who presented a petition on the subject. Bishop Pozzani and Mr. A. Denison, C.E. were examined by the Committee on length. The Council also again discussed the expectation nuisance.

The Volunteer Troop go into camp in the New Territory from the 24th to the 29th instant. The site of the Camp will be in the Kamtin Valley, about six miles from Tialamchong (the bay near the Brothers' Point on the Hongkong side of Castle Peak Bay). This will permit members who are unable to remain the whole period in Camp to come out or return to Hongkong in about three hours, i.e. launch to Tialamchong one hour, Tialamchong to Camp, two hours easy riding or walking.

"To prevent misunderstanding" Mr. Fred J. Halton, Chairman of the Baseball Committee writes to say that the Baseball match will be played on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley on Saturday next at 3 p.m. Grand stands have been erected, the booking being in the hands of Montre & Co. and tickets have been issued only up to the capacity of the stands. One stand is already sold out and the others are selling very rapidly.

His Honour the Chief Justice delivered an interesting judgment in Bankruptcy Court yesterday in a case in which the question of the debtor's domicile was raised. The certificates issued under the seal of the Colony to Chinese who are born in the Colony in which the governor states his belief that the person to whom it is granted is a British subject is highly regarded by those who hold them. His Lordship declared that in an English port each certificate is of no value whatever for any legal purpose and he expressed the belief that hardly any Chinaman who is merely a stranger here ever tears himself away root and branch from his family village in China, which is what is required to establish a domicile in the Colony. An extended report of the judgment appears on page 5.

FOOCHEW RACES.

The annual races at Foochow were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The honours of the meeting have gone to "Heraldic," owner Mr. Ewo." This pony won five races at the recent meeting at Hankow, and at the Foochow meeting he secured first place in four including the Champion Stakes, the Foochow Stakes, the Big Sweep Cup and the Oswald Challenge Cup. Captain Hope won seven races—three with "Capital," two with "Marvellous" one with "Superb" and one with "Spots."

Following is a full list of the winning ponies:

PONY	OWNER	FLEETS.
Heraldic	Mr. Ewo	4
Capital	Capt. Hope	3
Marvellous		2
Piper	Mr. Min	2
Kirby	Father O'Flynn	2
Mokawki Chief		1
Superb	Captain Hope	1
Spots		1
Raffles	Mr. Powell-Grant	1
Kangaroo	Mr. Wallaby-Wallaby	1
Ganechick	Mr. Oswald	1
Kandahar Chief	Mr. Min	1
Frosty Moon		1

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 17th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in E. Japan, and fallen quickly over S.W. Japan.

The cyclone which passed over the E. coast of China during the night, is now moving towards the coast of S.W. Japan.

Areas of high pressure are lying over S.E. Japan and over China to the North of the Upper Yangtze.

The monsoon is expected to freshen considerably in the Formosa Channel and along the coast of S. China during the next 24 hours.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to day, 0.03 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon today is as follows:

Hongkong & Neighbourhood { E to N.E. winds, freshening;

Formosa Channel { same as No. 1, cloudy, misty.

South coast of China between { same as No. 1, Hengkong and Lantau, same as No. 1.

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In your opinion would they make sufficient noise to distract the attention of persons in the cathedral?—I should think so.

Will this noise be continuous?—As long as the cars are running the vibration of the trestle caused by the rope running over the pulleys will be continuous.

Even if the car has passed the cathedral there will be a noise?—With the up car there will be no noise, but with the down car there will be a noise until it stops at the bottom.

Have you ever had any personal experience beyond the Forth bridge of noises made by cars passing over a small trestle bridge?—Yes, on the Isle of Wight there is a line of railway carried over a similar trestle to this, which is about 30 feet high. Two people travelling in a carriage on this line could not hear each other speaking on account of the noise-made.

Do you know the houses belonging to the Mission in the vicinity?—Yes.

What would be the effect, as far as their privacy goes, if the line projected in blue is adopted?—After sunset they would have to close their shutters.

Why?—Because anyone passing in trams could look straight in through the bedroom windows. The line is only about 60 feet away, and 20 feet above.

If the tramway were constructed on the route marked in red, would the objection as far as noise is concerned be done away with?—Yes.

And what about the privacy?—It would not be affected.

You see no objection I understand, then, to the original alternative route?—No.

Why would there be little or no noise in that event?—Because the rails would be laid on solid ground, and there would be no vibration. The line would be straight and would obviate the necessity for these curves and the pulleys which accentuate the noise.

The line marked in red would necessitate cutting through the gardens?—Yes.

Could such cutting be made adequately without disfiguring the gardens?—Yes.

You are, in the course of your profession, called upon frequently to value property here?—Yes.

Will you state what, in your opinion, would be the effect upon the capital value of this church property let to tenants if the line were built as projected on blue?—I should think the value would be very much less, and there would be some difficulty in getting tenants.

Would there be any greater cost in pursuing the route in red; the tunnel cutting versus the steel trestle iron bridge?—I have not gone into it carefully, but I shouldn't think there would be very much difference. I should say, if anything, the cutting would be cheaper.

A steel trestle viaduct is very costly?—It is rather expensive.

If the question of cost is material, do I understand you to express an opinion that there would be no greater cost on the red route?—Yes.

By the Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.

Can you suggest, Mr. Denison, any method for carrying a tram along the proposed blue route other than the steel trestle viaduct which would cause less noise?—Concrete arches might be erected.

Do you think that would be more expensive?—I think it would be much more expensive.

By His EXCELLENCE:

Would the noise still be so great as to inconvenience people in the cathedral?—Yes, your Excellency. I think the pulleys alone would be sufficient to inconvenience them. Even on the present tramway the noise is rather excessive.

By the ATTORNEY-GENERAL:

Would the noise on the proposed tramway be greater than that caused by the electric trams in the streets?—Yes.

By the COLONIAL SECRETARY:

Are you a member of the Union Church, Mr. Denison?—No.

Have you ever attended divine service there?—Yes.

Did you suffer any inconvenience from the noise of the pulleys on the Peak tramway?—I don't remember doing so, but the line there is straight, and on the solid.

De you know the distance between the Union Church building and the central line of the Peak tramway?—I should say about 30 or 40 feet.

And the distance in this case is said to be 20 yards?

Sir HENRY BERKELEY—240 feet from the cathedral, and 60 feet from the houses.

By Sir HENRY BERKELEY:

The Peak tramway at that part passes over the street?—Yes, but the cars just travel very slowly. The car is opposite the compressor, so there is scarcely any noise.

The Union Church is a Protestant Church, isn't it?—Yes.

And there are no masses and confessions?—No.

By the Hon. Mr. SLADE:

With regard to the privacy, couldn't that objection be easily obviated by a screen or barricade run up alongside the line to prevent people in cars looking into those houses?—Yes.

By the Hon. Mr. HEWITT:

But that would block out a good deal of the view of the gardens?—Yes.

You stated just now that you thought a cutting would be cheaper than trestles. Can you give the committee any idea of the difference between the trestle and the tunnel scheme?—I have not gone into it.

By the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Your firm, Mr. Denison, were the original engineers engaged on this scheme, were they not?—Yes.

And the alignment shown on that plan on red is the alignment originally proposed by you, I think?—Yes.

And that was absolutely refused by Sir Matthew Nathan when he was governor, was it not?—I don't know. I was not here at the time.

You know you were required to prepare another scheme giving a different route?—No, I understand the route was the same. As a matter of fact the route was devoted to some extent. You referred to the noise a train makes in passing such a bridge as the Forth bridge: that is rather an exaggerated comparison is it not? A train would make much more noise than a tramcar?—Eight carriages will make more noise than one.

And the weight of carriages will be immensely greater than a tramcar?—Yes, I should say a train would be slightly heavier. But in this case there is not only the carriage wheels, but pulleys.

You don't anticipate hearing this noise a mile off?—No, but if the line was half a mile away it would make a very loud noise in the cathedral.

You think it would be heard half a mile away?—Yes.

As regards the privacy of the houses, is there not a path in the gardens at the present time just about on a level with the principal rooms in these houses?—Yes, but it is almost entirely hidden by trees.

Wouldn't the trees interpose between the tramway and the houses just as much as between the path and the houses?—No, I think to make the tramway you will have to cut down these trees.

You agree that the pathway overlooks the houses to at least as great an extent as the proposal was first made. It was under-

stand that the tramway would be competitive with the one already existing. Since I understand an amalgamation has taken place.

Secondly, it was proposed that it should traverse a different route to that suggested to-day. In the third place, since this bill passed its second reading it had been very considerably altered in many details. It is therefore, I think, permissible to discuss the general principles on this motion to go into committee. I think it is better to discuss it now than on the third reading, since, if we passed this motion, learned members of the Law Committee would be nullified when they came to deal with it. We have also to consider the petition laid before the Council to-day, and spoken to by the learned counsel who has just left the room. I propose further to say a word or two with regard to my position in regard to this bill. It appears to me that the principle involved in this bill is one, if not the most, of aesthetics against utility. It is clearly understood by this Council that the community consider this tramway necessary for the business and for the general purposes of the colony and doubtless this private bill will be put through. If, on the other hand, it is considered not to be so, we must bear in mind that one of the most beautiful parts of the island will be disfigured by the carrying out of the project. I should regret extremely from that point of view to see a tramway on fifty feet trestles carried through the Glencairn Valley, but Hongkong does not depend for its prosperity on its scenery, or we should not hear so much of trade depression. Residents generally come here for other purposes than to view the scenery, so it remains for us to say whether or not the tramway is really required for the convenience and business of the colony. 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Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. [1013]

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THE HUNG-SHUI 121 PLANTATION

ROAD, THE PEAK. This House

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 17th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. PREGOTT).

FORECLOSURE ACTION.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company brought action against Lo Kwong and the Yuen On Insurance Exchange Loan and Godown Co. Ltd., to have an account taken of what was due to plaintiffs for principal and interest and costs under an indenture of mortgage by which the first defendant assigned to them certain property in security of the repayment of \$50,000 and asked for foreclosure.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Atkinson, appeared for the plaintiffs, defendants being unrepresented.

Mr. Leslie, secretary of the plaintiff company, having stated the particulars, his Lordship granted a foreclosure decree.

BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

A QUESTION OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

Re Ho Shun Chan, application for approval of a scheme of composition, his Lordship delivered judgment as follows: I am asked to sanction a scheme of composition by which it is proposed that sixty per cent. should be paid to the European creditors and twenty-five per cent to the Chinese creditors. If all the Chinese creditors had been present at the meeting and had assented, I suppose I should have had no option but to sanction the scheme; but it was passed only by the statutory majority and four Chinese creditors were not present. If I sanction this the meeting will be bound by it. I do not know of any duty which compels creditors to attend these meetings; if they are out of the jurisdiction they can only appoint a proxy. It is true they do not attend at their own risk, but they are quite entitled to leave the matter to the other creditors because they know that the decision must come up for the approval of the court.

One thing they have a right to expect—equality of treatment—but here I am asked to sanction an agreement for differential treatment. I cannot sanction the scheme which would, had I not to sanction it, be illegal. The requisite statutory majority has not been obtained because the votes of the European creditors present were only given on condition that they should obtain a special advantage and they are therefore affected by undue prejudice.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—I appear for the debtor. All the Chinese creditors have agreed.

His Lordship—I can only deal with the facts as they were put before me.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—All these creditors are in the colony, and they have agreed.

His Lordship—It is not on the file; as the scheme is presented to me I cannot possibly find otherwise.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—May I come again before your Lordship?

His Lordship—You like.

The Official Receiver—The opposition, if any, was at first inclined to come from the European creditors and not from the Chinese.

His Lordship—It makes it all the worse. They get all the disadvantage.

The Official Receiver—They were inclined to oppose the arrangement at first.

His Lordship—It is an undue preference which I cannot sanction. The whole idea of the Bankruptcy Ordinance is equality.

A DOMICILE PROBLEM.

Re Wei Long Shing (é parte) Yuen. This was an application for the recognition of a receiving order which came before the Court on Monday. Mr. Hastings appeared for the Bank of Taiwan. Mr. Atkinson for the petitioning creditor, and Mr. Dennis for the debtor.

His Lordship said—A judgment creditor applies to rescind the receiving order. Four grounds of opposition were raised and my ruling with regard to them will serve as a good illustration of the general practice with regard to oppositions to petitions which I have sanctioned. The third was that "after the payment of costs of the proceedings there will be no substantial assets for division among the creditors." That ground is not good because it is a matter which the Official Receiver considers and usually advises the judge on the application.

The fourth ground is that the petitioner is in collusion with the debtor and that the proceedings are in abuse of the process of the court. This is also a matter which concerns the Official Receiver who in this respect exercises a general surveillance over bankruptcy petitions. The first ground is that the debtor was not domiciled in the colony at the date of the presentation of the petition and therefore that the court has no jurisdiction to make a receiving order. And the second was that the debtor has committed no act of bankruptcy on which a petition would be founded.

At the first meeting of creditors the debtor made a statement that he was born in Hongkong. I see no reason to doubt this. This then makes him a natural born subject of the King, but in order to make this point clear (and it is an important point) a certificate of Sir George Bowen, the then governor of the colony, dated 21st July, 1864, was referred to. It was given under the seal of the colony and was to the fact that having examined two affidavits of birth His Excellency was satisfied that Wei Long Shing, the debtor, was born in the colony and therefore that he believed him to be a British subject. I understand that these certificates are issued in virtue of permissive instructions from the Secretary of State given in August 1862. I have never seen one before and as it was referred to in the argument I must express my opinion on it. In an English port such a certificate is of no value whatever for any legal purpose. It refers to two affidavits of birth, but by whom they were made does not appear.

The proper person to issue certificates of birth

or to be more precise, sealed and certified copies of entries in his registers, is the Registrar-General, and I am not sure but I do not think that even these are made conclusive evidence of the facts contained in the entries. Then this certificate says that having read these two affidavits the Governor has satisfied himself that Wei Long Shing was born in the colony and the Emperor of China being at that time the Governor believes him to be a British subject but this is non sequitur. If the person to whom the certificate is given is born in the colony he is a British subject. There is no ground for belief or disbelief. The fact is both the instructions of the Secretary of State and the opinion of the Law Officers have been misconstrued by the drafter of the form annexed to the instructions. The belief, the expression of which is sanctioned, is as to the fact of birth in the colony from which the legal consequence of British nationality follows. It is very necessary that such certificates if they are to be issued at all should be drafted with extreme care. The idea on which they were allowed clearly was that nothing positive should be stated and the statement of belief must be limited to the fact of birth in the colony. Otherwise the issue of the certificates may be attended with considerable danger, for I understand that they are sometimes used by foreign consuls for use in foreign ports and it may well be that being under the seal of the colony, they would receive a larger measure of credence so far as the fact of birth concerned than they are entitled to and in law they are open to two objections with regard to the statement of belief in British nationality. In the first place they ignore the possibility or rather probability that some of the recipients may be the unfortunate victims of double nationality, being Chinese as well as British subjects, and secondly there is a regular process for settling doubts as to nationality provided in the Legitimacy Declaration Act 1838. It is true that that Act probably does not apply to a colony where the court has no divorce jurisdiction as here, but that makes it all the more necessary to issue certificates of nationality with the greatest caution lest they should be confused with those issued under that Act. There is also another process for quieting doubts as to the right of a person to be a British subject provided by section 7 of the Naturalisation Act.

THE S.S. "PATSHAN" AFFAIR.

It was believed that the Viceroy's sound proclamation to which I have previously referred would have stopped all comment pending the new trial at the Portuguese Consulate. But the High Sheriff referred to in a previous article is agitating more than ever and has convened a meeting for to-day. If this man is not brought to book early I am afraid that the trouble is far from ended. He is a perfect anti-foreign crank, and is known by that nickname amongst foreigners.

The following is a translation of a circular distributed by the Self-Government Association—

The Viceroy has issued a proclamation stating that the British Consul had done all in his power and confined his action within the limits of his jurisdiction in the case in which a foreign member of the crew of the steamer "Patshen" kicked a Chinese to death; that the British Consul acted fairly and the proceedings were as regular as could be, and that he never attempted to shift his responsibility.

"We have made inquiries and find that according to the decision of the Hague Conference in 1898 Article 32, section 2, the crew of a vessel after being registered on the ship's articles is under the jurisdiction of the nation to which that vessel belongs, and the steamer responsible for the safety of passengers and goods. Now a Chinese was kicked to death on board of the steamer "Patshen" which is a British vessel owned by Butterfield and Swire. The Chinese laws have not been moderated and the Chinese Government has no jurisdiction over foreigners. The British Consul's duty is, of course, to protect British trade, but he undertook the responsibility to decide this case in a just manner; consequently he could not shift his responsibilities of public justice on to others. The "Patshen" is a British steamer, therefore it was perfectly within the British Consul's jurisdiction to try the case and the power of giving a fair and impartial decision in the matter rests entirely with him. The laws governing happenings at sea are different from those applied in a Concession. A man being kicked to death on a steamer by a member of the crew and no redress being given cannot be tolerated. Canton and Hongkong are the principal doors of traffic in the South, and people are obliged to use this way. Life is an important thing. All our brethren should thoroughly investigate this matter. We have decided to hold a big meeting at the association to-day and all our brethren are invited to attend the same."

Mr. Hastings asked for an order in the terms of the judgment.

Mr. Atkinson pointed out that the receiving order was made by the court and the petitioning creditor should not be made to pay the costs. His application was good at the time it was made.

His Lordship replied that it was based on an allegation which they could not make good.

Mr. Atkinson—The estate was in bankruptcy.

His Lordship—It should not have been.

Mr. Atkinson—The estate was in bankruptcy until this morning.

His Lordship—I know. I have declared I have no jurisdiction to make an order. The estate should not have been there.

Mr. Atkinson—It was by the order of the court.

His Lordship—By the order of the court made on a statement which was unfounded.

THE MEXICA OF AMERICANS:

The saying that "good Americans when they go to Paris" was of course inspired by the fact that so many of them go to Paris even while they still have an opportunity of living in the United States. But does the French capital, after all, attract Cousin Jonathan as powerfully as is commonly believed? Mr. Chancery Depôt estimated the number of his fellow citizens residing in Paris at 100,000. The Paris correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* has no difficulty in showing that this figure must be a great exaggeration. His own outside estimate for the head of the season is 10,000 residents, including students, and 5,000 transients. He doubts whether there have ever been as many as 20,000 Americans in Paris on one day. As to the official returns of the Police Department, they place Americans fifth on the list of foreign visitors, their numbers being exceeded by English, by Germans, by Belgians, and by Italians.

CANTON.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

December 16th.

SMUGGLING OF AMMUNITION.

The Commissioner of the Kowloon Customs near Macao has reported to the Viceroy that the Custom House officers there have seized a quantity of ammunition on board the small steamer "Cheung Kong". The ammunition was packed in two cement barrels purporting to contain cement. They contained 8 packages of gunpowder weighing 111 catties and 20,000 percussion caps. The Captain of the vessel declared that he was ignorant of the contents of the barrels. Upon making further inquiries it was discovered that the ammunition was shipped by an arms store in Macao and consigned to the Yee Shing shop in To Huk Street in the town of Kwangtung near the Sunning City. The Viceroy immediately cabled instructions to the Sunning Magistrate to arrest the proprietor and the managers of the Yee Shing shop and have them tried and punished. Yesterday His Excellency received a cablegram from the Sunning Magistrate saying that upon receipt of the Viceroy's telegram he immediately went personally to To Huk Street in Kwangtung to investigate the matter but was unable to find any shop corresponding to the name given by the Viceroy. However, he subsequently discovered a grocer's shop in that street, named Hop Shing, and upon making inquiries the inmates informed him that during a clan fight between the Chan and Ng families which occurred sometime ago the Hop Shing shop imported a quantity of fire arms for one of the belligerent parties, wherein he caused the grocer's shop to be searched and two rifles, one revolver, 150 cartridges and a box of percussion caps were discovered. He has arrested the master and seized the shop.

Mr. W. S. Fleming and Mr. J. Hayes (Messrs. Ellis and Hayes) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. W. Rice on behalf of Messrs. Jernigan and Fessenden, appeared for the defendant. The judgment was as follows:

The evidence in this case established the following facts:—On the 23rd day of March, 1907, S. Zimmerman, defendant herein, executed a certain charter party with Morris Ginsburg and Marcus Mass, plaintiffs herein, and owners of the steamship "Moor King" for the use and hire of said steamship "Moor King" for a period of three months, beginning on the 24th day of March, 1907, with the option of renewal for an additional period of three months. The rate to be paid per month was eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,750.00) Mexican currency. If the vessel was not delivered to the plaintiff for the use of the same for the extra time she was in use at the above mentioned rate. The steamship was to be re-delivered in good condition, and any time occupied in making repairs should count the same as if the vessel was in use under the charter party. Pursuant to the above-mentioned agreement, on the 24th day of March, 1907, the defendant took delivery of said steamship and kept control of her continuously until the 4th day of November, 1907. The testimony shows that the "Moor King" was used for the purpose of transporting Chinese coolies from the city of Vladivostok in Siberia to the city of Guaymas in old Mexico. Plaintiff paid for the use of said vessel from the 24th day of March until the 8th day of August, 1907, but since that time has made no payments. The vessel was re-delivered to plaintiffs in an injured and damaged condition. The testimony showed that it would require twelve days to make the necessary repairs to put her in good condition. The amount due for the use of the ship from August 8 to the 4th of November, 1907, under the charter party, at the rate of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,750.00) Mexican per month amounts to twenty-five thousand and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$25,083.33) Mexican. Estimates have been made for the repair of the vessel, and a fair and reasonable charge for placing the vessel in the condition she was in at the time the charter party was executed amounts to eight thousand one hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$8,133.33) Mexican. The cost of the use of the vessel for a period of twelve days at the rate of eight thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$8,750.00) Mexican per month would be three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) Mexican. There is practically no dispute in regard to the foregoing facts.

The defendant denies liability on two grounds. First, because the vessel "Moor King" was falsely registered. It appears from the evidence that the steamship "Moor King", while owned by Russian subjects, had been registered in Shanghai under the name of a British subject, and that after the expiration of the charter party and the delivery of the vessel a suit was brought in H. B. M.'s Supreme Court for China and Korea at Shanghai asking that the vessel be declared forfeited on the ground that the said false registration was in violation of the laws of Great Britain. This suit was sustained and the vessel declared forfeited. It is the contention of the defendant under his contract that the title of the owners of the vessel was jeopardized by reason of said false registration. In the second place the defendant seeks to avoid liability on the ground that the steamship in question having been used in the so-called "coolie trade," the enforcement of the terms of the contract would be in violation of the public policy of the United States.

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Considering these points in the order named, the evidence shows that the fact that the owner of the vessel jeopardized its title by a false registration did not inconvenience or in any wise affect the use of the ship by the defendant under his contract. The position of the defendant in this matter is very much the same as that of a person who has leased a house the title to which had been acquired in a fraudulent manner, but which in no wise affected him in his use and occupation. Suppose, by way of

Mr. Rice said that on behalf of the defendant he would like to except the judgment of the Court and give notice of appeal.

His Honour—Very well. Mr. Rice—Will the Court fix a time within which the appeal may be perfected? Mr. Fessenden returns to-morrow, and I think he will probably take this matter up.

To Council's suggestion of two weeks his Honour agreed.

Mr. Fleming asked if the allowing of this time was intended as a stay of execution.

His Honour—No, if you want execution issued a bond will be given at any time.

His Honour fixed the amount of the bond at \$40,000, and allowed Mr. Rice till Thursday next to prepare and submit the bond for approval.

In reply to Mr. Fleming His Honour said the amount of the judgment included interest.

Mr. Fleming asked that he be given an opportunity of examining the bond or examining the sureties whom it was proposed to have on the bond. The amount was a very large one and plaintiff, of course, had an interest in finding out the qualifications of the sureties.

His Honour—The Court would also like to look into that somewhat.

AS SUPPLIED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS, AND HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

It is reported that during the last three or four weeks the Canton-Hankow Railway Company have collected over \$5,000,000. due on the second instalment of the shares. This sudden change is attributed to the decision recently made by the Central Government to raise funds from foreign countries for the construction of the Hunan and Hupeh sections of the line and has acted as an impetus on the shareholders of the Kwangtung section of the Railway. This will, no doubt, set operations in full swing here.

INTERESTING SHIPPING CASE AT SHANGHAI.

In the United States Court for China, at Shanghai, on the 11th inst., the Hon. L. R. Wilfley, Judge, rendered judgment in the case of Morris Ginsburg and Marcus Mass (co-partners doing business under the name and style of Ginsburg and Company) versus S. Zimmerman (doing business under the name and style of S. Zimmerman and Company).

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,203, Partridge, 17th Dec.—Choofoo and Weihaiwei 12th Dec.—General—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHUNSHAN, British str., 1,418, E. Sawyer, 16th Dec.—Java, 7th Dec., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 DREIFLINGER, German str., 9,060, G. Meiners, 17th Dec.—Hamburg 5th Nov., General—Malchow & Co.
 DREWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.—Sagam 12th December, General—Chinese.
 PREMIER, Norwegian str., 746, Christianson, 17th December—Taiping 12th December, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 TAIYUAN, British str., 1,459, L. Dawson, 17th Dec.—Melbourne via Sydney and Queen's ports 13th Nov., General—Butterfield & Swire.
 TUDOR PRINCE, British str., 4,292, H. M. MacDougal, 17th Dec.—Japan & Shanghai 13th Dec., General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
 WATERWITCH, British surveying ship, 629, H. P. Douglas, 17th Dec.—Manila 12th Dec.
 YINGCHOW, British str., 1,216, W. Frazer, 17th Dec.—China—Wang Tao 11th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 17th December.
 Hupeh, British str., for Haiphong.
 Kinsing, British str., for Shanghai.
 Kumeric, British str., for Manila.
 Luchou, British str., for Amoy.
 Tudor Prince, British str., for New York.
 Yingchow, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

17th December.
 AMIGO, German str., for Hoioh.
 CHENIAN, British str., for Canton.
 FAUSANG, British str., for Hongay.
 HOLSTEIN, German str., for Haiphong.
 KIANGMING, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.
 KOONSHING, British str., for Canton.
 LOOSON, German str., for Swatow.
 PALEMO, British str., for London.
 TINGSONG, British str., for Shanghai.
 YEBOSHII MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Chuangang* reports: Lost two days heavy N.E. monsoon with high sea.
 The British str. *Yingchow* reports: Fresh monsoon, moderate wind and fine weather.
 The British str. *Dervent* reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon with much rain & moderate sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 17th.
 ABERDEEN DOCK—Samson.
 KOWLOON DOCK—H.M.S. *Virago*, *Hinseang*, *Hilary*, *H.M.S. Alacrity*, *Nicomedea*, *Prinz Waldemar*, *Protector*.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—*Daijin Maru*, *Nan-*
sang.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1908. [128]



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SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.

2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.

3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.

4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BIRTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SICILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th inst.
LONDON & VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL, &c.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Dohrm	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ISTRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lising	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BARCELONA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Forsius	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 25th Jan.
C. FRED. LAMBERT	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 28th Jan.
SLAVONIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 22nd Feb.
ANDALUSIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Beyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 27th Feb.
SIAM	GER.	Dan. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, R.N.R.	MELCHERS & CO.	On 22nd inst. at 1 P.M.
MACHONIA	GER.	Brit. str.	—	H. Frazer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Beginning of January.
HIMANO MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 20th March.
WAKASA MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	G. Anderson	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 28th Mar.
SADO MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	H. Formes	MELCHERS & CO.	On 30th inst.
BUELOW	GER.	Ger. str.	—	G. Rott	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th March.
PRINCESS ALICE	GER.	Am. str.	—	Nitsche	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 24th inst.
E. B. FERDINAND	GER.	Am. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 22nd inst.
LENINK	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 23rd inst.
SIKH	GER.	Brit. str.	—	Williams	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 15th Jan.
INDRAWADI	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R.E. CO.	To-morrow, at 7 A.M.
MUNCASTER CASTLE	GER.	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R.E. CO.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
EMPEROR OF INDIA	GER.	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. L. Harrison	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
MONTAGUE	GER.	Brit. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
TONA MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	J. Boyd	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 14th Jan.
SHINANO MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
VERBIO	GER.	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
TAIWAN	GER.	Brit. str.	—	F. Iske	MELCHERS & CO.	On 31st inst., at 5 P.M.
NIKKO MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 5 P.M.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 26th inst., at D'light.
KUMANO MARU	JAP.	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSHIN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
KUMANO MARU	JAP.	Dut. str.	—	H. Koeps	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	Quick despatch.
TIKINI	GER.	Brit. str.	—	Kendis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
NANGANG	GER.	Brit. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
DERFINGER	GER.	Brit. str.	—	Bartole	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	To-day, P.M.
PEESIA	GER.	Aus. str.	—	A. A. Campbell	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
KINGING	GER.	Aus. str.	—	M. Courtney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 20th inst., at D'light.
WOBANG	GER.	Aus. str.	—	Sandack	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
YATSHING	GER.	Aus. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
CHOYRANG	GER.	Aus. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 23rd inst.
CHENIAN	GER.	Aus. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	Middle of January.
KOONSHING	GER.	Aus. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
TONKIN	GER.	Aus. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 23rd inst., at 8 A.M.
YETOBORU MARU	GER.	Jap. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
BUFUJIN MARU	GER.	Jap. str.	—	R. E. Ridder	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 23rd inst.
CHENGSHING	GER.	Jap. str.	—	A. Somerville	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 24th inst., at 3 P.M.
SUNDA	GER.	Dut. str.	—	P. H. Bolts	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at Noon.
ASSAYE	GER.	Dut. str.	—	R. W. Almond	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 29th inst., at 3 P.M.
FOOKANG	GER.	Dut. str.	—	A. W. Underbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
VEDDA	GER.	Dut. str.	—	Mathias	MELCHERS & CO.	On 22nd inst., at 10 A.M.
ANTALIA	GER.	Ger. str.	—	F. Sembl	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SLAVONIA	GER.	Ger. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
TIJMARI	GER.	Jap. str.	—	E. J. Tadd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
SHOBHU MARU	GER.	Jap. str.	—	Fander	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	Quick despatch.
DAIJIN MARU	GER.	Jap. str.	—	—	—	—
HATTAN	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
HAIMUN	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
HAICHING	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
HAIKHONG	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
ZHOOGANG	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
MANILA	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
MANILA	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—
MANILA	GER.	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & SUNDA		About 23rd Dec.	Freight and Passage.
and YOKOHAMA	Capt. G. M. Montford, R.N.R.		
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
Capt. C. L. Daniel			
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	DELTA	Noon 26th Dec.	See Special OF CALL.
Capt. B. W. H. Snow			Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PEN.	SICILIA	On 30th Dec.	Freight and ANG, COLOMBO, POET
Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.			Passage.
SAID and MARSEILLES			

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1908.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.**

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 18th Dec., 10 A.M.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 18th Dec., NOON.
TSINGTAU and CHEFOO	"NANCHANG"	On 19th Dec., 2 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIENS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY,	"TAIYUAN"	On 21st Dec., 4 P.M. with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.
MANILA STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS	"TEAN"	On 29th Dec., 3 P.M.
REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS	11

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FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
* TAMSUI VIA AMOY	"DALIN MARU"	SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at 4 P.M.
* TAMSUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSEN MARU"	SUNDAY, 20th Dec., at 9 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. Y. KABURAKI	
* SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, "BUJUN MARU"		TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 8 A.M.
AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. Y. FUSENO	
* ANPING VIA SWATOW, "SHOSHU MARU"	Capt. ICHI	WEDDAY, 23rd Dec., at 8 A.M.

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T. ARIMA, Manager. [13]

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"HAITAN," Capt. J. S. Roach	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., at NOON.
"HAIMUN," Capt. Evans	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 20th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAICHING," Capt. Passmore	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	TUESDAY, Dec., 22nd at NOON.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI via NINGPO	"KINGSING"	Friday, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"WOSANG"	Friday, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 18th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Sunday, 20th Dec., D'light
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"CHOYSANG"	Saturday, 20th Dec., D'light
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, WEI	"KOONSHING"	Sunday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIWAI, CHEFOO & CHINGWAIAO	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"CHEONGSHING"	Wednesday, 23rd Dec., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Saturday, 26th Dec., Noon.
SH'HAL, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon

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The steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan, if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU	6265	WEDDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
VICTORIA, E.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU	6227	WEDDAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, TUESDAY, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, and SYDNEY	TOGA MARU	5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
KUMANO MARU	SHINANOGA MARU	6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon
KUMANO MARU	KAWANA MARU	5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	5076	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon
KUMANO MARU	KUMANO MARU	5076	WEDDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon
KUMANO MARU	SANUKI MARU	6112	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight

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T. KUSUMOTO,

MANAGER. 356

Hongkong, 17th December, 1908.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVE and SIAM		BEGINNING OF JAN., 09
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	MIDDLE OF JAN., 09

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1908.

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Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG : HOMEWARD.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Public are informed that the next outgoing Parcel Mail to Europe will be closed in this office on Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th instant, at 5 p.m.
Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Daly and Siberia.
25th December ... at 10.00 a.m.
31st December ... at 8.30 p.m.
8th January ... at 10.00 a.m.

The Tonkin, with the French mail of the 20th November, left Singapore on Tuesday the 15th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 22nd instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 17th October.

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DATE

Hai Phong	Friday	18th, 9.00 A.M.
Gebu and Hafo	Friday	18th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatoe, Amoy and Foochow	Friday	18th, 11.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoitow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Friday	18th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sat. 19th	11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, TINGTOW, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	Friday	18th, 2.00 P.M.
(Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA)		
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Friday	18th, 3.00 P.M.
A Supplementary mail will be closed on board at 3.00 p.m. on the day of departure (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA)		
Manila	Friday	18th, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, (B.C.)		
A Supplementary mail will be closed on board at 3.00 p.m. on the day of departure (Will take letters to EUROPE marked VIA SIBERIA)		

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TO-DAY.

Sale, Japanese High Art, Sales Rooms,
Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATION

December 17th.

ON LONDON— Telegraphic Transfer 182

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ON HAIPHONG— On demand 93 2/3

ON SAIGON— On demand 93 2/3

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GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$61.20

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Chinese 20 cents pieces 35.40 discount.

Chinese 10 " 36.20 "

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Hongkong 10 " 34.95 "

OPPIUM.

December 16th.

Quotations are— Malwa New \$1.150 per picul.

Malwa Old \$1.190 "

Malwa Older \$1.200 "

Malwa, Y. Old \$1.220 "

Persian fine quality \$850 "

Persian extra fine \$850

Patna New \$1.095 per chest.

Patna Old \$1.120 "

Bunares New \$1.010 "

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Hongkong, December 16th.

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Alhambra \$200 Notland

Banks \$125 London

National B. of China \$60 buyers

Bell's Asbestos E. A. \$65 buyers

China-Borneo Co. \$12 sellers

China Light & P. Co. \$10 sellers

China Provident \$10 39.75 buyers

Cotton Mills \$16. 60 Tls. 75

Ewo. \$10 34.00 sellers

Hongkong \$10 34.00 buyers

International \$16. 75 34.00 buyers

Lacou Kung Mow \$10 34.00 buyers

Tls. 600 Tls. 250 buyers

Soochee \$6 \$23

Dairy Farm \$25 \$12 sellers

Books and Wharves \$10 34.00 sellers

H. & K. Ward & G. \$25 34.00 sellers

H. & W. Duck \$25 34.00 sellers

New Amoy Dock \$25 34.00 sellers

Shanghai Dock \$100 Tls. 75 sellers

Shai & H. Wharf \$100 Tls. 127

Fenwick & Co. \$25 \$12 sellers

Green Island Cement \$10 \$10 sellers

Hongkong & C. Gas. \$10 34.00 buyers

Hongkong Electric \$10 34.00 buyers

Hongkong Hotel \$10 34.00 buyers

Hongkong Ice Co. \$25 34.00 sellers

H.K. Milling Co., Ltd. in liquidation \$100 Nominal

Hongkong Rope Co. \$10 \$24

Insurance \$25 \$19.74

Canton \$20 34.00 buyers

Chins Fire \$20 34.00 buyers

Chins Trades \$25 34.00 buyers

Hongkong Fire \$20 34.00 buyers

North China Union \$100 34.00 sellers

Yangtze \$20 34.00 sellers

Land and Building \$100 34.00 sellers

Hongkong Land Inv. \$10 34.00 sellers

Humphrey's Estate \$10 34.00 sellers

Kowloon Land & B. \$20 34.00 sellers

Shanghai Land \$10 34.00 sellers

WestPointBuilding \$100 34.00 sellers

Mining— Charbonnages \$250 34.00 buyers

Kaolin \$10 34.00 sellers

Peak Tramways \$10 34.00 sellers

Philippines Co. \$10 34.00 sellers

Refineries— China Sugar \$100 34.00 sellers

Lipson Sugar \$100 34.00 sellers

Robina Piano Co. \$30 34.00 sellers

Steamship Companies— China and Manilla \$25 34.00 buyers

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Watkins \$10 34.00 buyers

Watson & Co. A. S. \$10 34.00 buyers

Weissmann, Ld. \$100 34.00 buyers

United Asbestos \$4 34.24

Do. Founders \$10 34.24

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Tonkin with the French Mail of the 22nd ult. and mail from London of the 21st ult. left Singapore on the 15th inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Monday morning the 21st inst. and shall leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Asia with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 24th ult. will be due to Yokohama on the 14th inst. and will be due to arrive in Hongkong (via Manila) on the 24th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.E. str. Empress of China left Vancouver a.m. on Thursday the 10th inst., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The German str. Borne has left Sandakan on Saturday the 12th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.